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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 3, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire February 3, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.